
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 582

Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

PART II

QUALIFICATION, ADMISSION, PRACTISING CERTIFICATES, ETC.

Provisions with respect to unqualified persons acting as solicitors

Unqualified person not to act as solicitor

19.—^{F1}(1) Subject to Article 81(b), an unqualified person shall not act as a solicitor, or as such sue out any writ or process, or commence, carry on or defend any action, suit or other proceeding, in the name of any other person or in his own name, in any court of civil or criminal jurisdiction, or act as a solicitor in any cause or matter, civil or criminal, to be heard or determined before any court or tribunal.

(2) If any person contravenes paragraph (1) he shall—

- (a) be guilty of contempt of the court in which the action, suit, cause, matter or proceeding in relation to which he so acts is brought or taken, and may be punished accordingly;
- (b) be incapable of maintaining any action for any costs in respect of anything done by him in the course of so acting; and
- (c) in addition to any other penalty, liability or disability to which he may be subject, be guilty of an offence and be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding^{F2} level 4 on the standard scale].

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